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FROM US DEL ICNAF

DEPT ALERT UNDESECRETARY MAW AND OES/OFA

COPENHAGEN, MEXICO AND CASABLANCA FOR FISHATT

E. O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: ICNAF SPECIAL MEETING MONTREAL

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1. MEETING OPENED MONDAY A.M. WITH STRONG ADDRESS DELIVERED BY ROMEO LEBLANC, CANADIAN MINISTER OF STATE FOR FISHERIES. LEBLANC WAS FOLLOWED BY UNDERSECRETARY MAW WHO DELIVERED EQUALLY STRONG REMARKS AND TEXT OF SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE CONTAINED IN REFTEL. REMAINDER OF SESSION DEVOTED TO PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR REDUCTION OF FISHING EFFORT OFF ITS COAST. DESPITE INCONCLUSIVE NATURE OF DISCUSSION, THERE WERE SOME TENTATIVE EXPRESSIONS OF POSSIBLE COMPROMISE BY DISTANT WATER FISHING MEMBERS.

2. SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF MAJOR US PROPOSALS BEGAN TUESDAY A.M. THESE INCLUDE REDUCTION OF SECOND TIER OVERALL QUOTA FOR SUBAREAS FIVE AND SIX OFF THE US COAST, AND GEAR REGULATIONS TO PROTECT DEPLETED HADDOCK AND FLOUNDER STOCKS ON THE GEORGES BANK AREA. INITIAL DISCUSSION HAS FOCUSED PRINCIPALLY ON SECOND TIER QUOTA ISSUE, AS NOTED IN STATE 193300. PANEL FIVE HAS UTILIZED SERIES OF NON-BINDING INDICATIVE VOTES AS METHOD OF TESTING POSSIBLE AREAS OF COMPROMISE WITHOUT COMMITTING PARTICIPANTS AT PRESENT EARLY STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, INDICATIVE VOTES TUESDAY ON US AND TWO ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS HAVE CAST SOME GLOOM OVER PROCEEDINGS, AS NO CLEAR MAJORITIES WERE PRODUCED, AND NO READILY APPARENT AREAS OF COMPROMISE REVEALED. JAPANESE, SPANISH AND ITALIAN DELS, WITH MAJOR SQUID FISHERIES IN THE AREA, HAVE INSISTED ON EXCLUSION OF SQUID FROM SECOND TIER OVERALL QUOTA. LEVEL OF QUOTA LOW ENOUGH TO MEET US OBJECTIVES UNDER THIS CIRCUMSTANCE APPEARS UNACCEPTABLE TO COUNTRIES WHOSE MAIN FISHERIES DO NOT INCLUDE SQUID.

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3. US DEL HAS MAINTAINED HARD LINE THROUGHOUT, REFERRING FREQUENTLY TO STATEMENTS OF PRESIDENT AND UNDERSECRETARY MAW, AND IMPETUS ICNAF FAILURE WOULD GIVE DRIVE FOR UNILATERAL 200-MILE LEGISLATION. STRONG CLOSING STATEMENT BY US DEL AT END OF TUESDAY SESSION STRESSED US DISAPPOINTMENT OVER LACK OF MEASURABLE PROGRESS AND ALLUDED TO SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES EXPECTED IF MEETING ENDED IN FAILURE. STATEMENT ALSO NOTED THAT FURTHER

DISCUSSION WAS POINTLESS IF EXISTING ATTITUDES ON PART OF  
DISTANT WATER FISHING NATIONS PERSISTED. SHARPNESS OF US COMMENTS  
PROMPTED GENERAL STATEMENTS BY SPANISH AND JAPANESE DELEGATIONS  
OF DESIRE TO CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARD SOLUTION WITHOUT SPECIFIC  
INDICATION AS YET OF WHAT FORM SUCH A SOLUTION TO PRESENT  
IMPASSE MIGHT TAKE.

4. UNUSUAL MEETING OF HEADS OF DELS ONLY HAS BEEN CALLED FOR  
WEDNESDAY MORNING AS WAY OF APPROACHING REASONABLE COMPROMISE  
IN SMALLER, LESS INHIBITED FORUM THAN FULL PLENARY SESSIONS.  
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